

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A system for replenishing low inventory ~~that provides line of sight communication between several locations that may not be within each others line of sight,~~ comprising:

a first terminal associated with a user's ~~located in a first site~~ for entering and displaying information;

a second terminal associated with a supplier's ~~located in a second site~~ for entering and displaying information;

a network connected to said first terminal and said second terminal for exchanging information between said first terminal and said second terminal; and

~~a computer program having an interface operating on said first terminal and said second terminal displaying status details of said first site and said second site; wherein said status details include a visual representation of the state of said first site and said second site~~

a replenishment module executing computer readable instructions stored in memory to continuously display a signal having a first visual characteristic simultaneously to both terminals in response to the user requesting a replenishment of inventory, and to subsequently modify the signal simultaneously to both terminals to continuously display a second visual characteristic different than the first visual characteristic responsive to the

supplier sending the requested replenishment of inventory and during the time
that the requested replenishment of inventory is in transit to the user.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8 wherein said first and second visual characteristics are ~~representation of the state of said first site and said second site further~~ includes a graphical representations of data representation of said site 1 and said site 2.

11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8 wherein said first visual characteristic is a first color and said second visual characteristic is a second color different than the first color ~~representation of the state of said first site and said second site further~~ includes different colors ~~representing the status.~~

12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8 wherein said first visual characteristic ~~representation further~~ includes highlighting a portion of both terminals red ~~the screen with the color RED, said highlighted portion of the screen representing that an area~~ of either site requires replenishment of low inventory parts.

13. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8 wherein said second visual characteristic ~~representation further~~ includes highlighting the [[a]] portion of both terminals ~~yellow the screen with the color YELLOW, said highlighted portion of the screen~~ representing that replenishment parts are in transit.

14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 ~~[[8]]~~ wherein said third visual characteristic representation further includes highlighting the ~~[[a]]~~ portion of both terminals green the screen with the color GREEN, said highlighted portion of the screen representing that low inventory replenishment parts have arrived.

15. (Currently amended) A method for replenishing low inventory, comprising:
collecting inventory data that represents the supply of a part;
uploading said inventory data to a database;
comparing said inventory data to a trigger and deciding whether the supply of said
part requires replenishment;
requesting a first personnel to replenish said part by alerting the first personnel that
said part requires replenishment;
continuing to alert said first personnel until said part has been sent;
verifying said part has been sent and acknowledging said part has been sent by
updating said database;
stop alerting said first personnel that said part requires replenishment;
alerting a second personnel that said part is in transit;
continuing to alert said second personnel until said part is delivered;
acknowledging receipt of said part; and
stop alerting said second personnel that said part is in transit
establishing a supply chain communication link between a user's terminal and a
supplier's terminal; and

continuously displaying a signal having a first visual characteristic simultaneously to both terminals in response to the user requesting a replenishment of inventory; and
subsequently modifying the signal simultaneously to both terminals to continuously display a second visual characteristic different than the first visual characteristic responsive to the supplier sending the requested replenishment of inventory and during the time that the requested replenishment of inventory is in transit to the user.

16. – 23. (Canceled)

24. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the replenishment module further subsequently modifies the signal simultaneously to both terminals to continuously display a third visual characteristic different than the first and second visual characteristics and responsive to the user acknowledging a receipt of the requested replenishment of inventory that was previously in transit.

25. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein the third visual characteristic is a third color different than the first and second colors.

26. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the continuously displaying step and the subsequently modifying step are characterized by said first and second visual characteristics being graphical representations of data.

27. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the continuously displaying step and the subsequently modifying step are characterized by said first visual characteristic being a first color and said second visual characteristic being a second color different than the first color.

28. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the continuously displaying step is characterized by said first visual characteristic including highlighting a portion of both terminals red.

29. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the subsequently modifying step is characterized by said second visual characteristic including highlighting the portion of both terminals yellow.

30. (New) The method of claim 15 further comprising subsequently twice modifying the signal simultaneously to both terminals to continuously display a third visual characteristic different than the first and second visual characteristics and responsive to the user acknowledging a receipt of the requested replenishment of inventory that was previously in transit.

31. (New) The system of claim 30 wherein the subsequently twice modifying the signal step is characterized by said third visual characteristic being a third color different than the first and second colors.

32. (New) The system of claim 31 wherein the subsequently twice modifying the signal step is characterized by said third visual characteristic including highlighting the portion of both terminals green.